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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir :

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections of the outstanding Office Action, and request allowance of all the claims pending herein. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is set in the Office Action to expire on March 1, 2010 (February 27, 2010 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully submit that this response is timely filed and no fee is required for its consideration. If any extensions of time are deemed necessary, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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